(ख) क्या सरकार इस प्रकार के स्कूलों के निर्माण कार्य में तेजी लाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उस पर कितना धन खर्च किये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (ग) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Refund of earnest money deposited by unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls

1923. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from M.Ps for refund of all the earnest money deposited by a number of unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls on those stations which were previously held by M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons in Delhi and Ferozepur Division due to Supreme Court orders in this regard; and

(b) if so, what action is taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to refund the earnest money to the applicants.

Upgradation of Telecommunication Net-Work

1924. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hurdles in upgrading the existing telecommunication network comparable with developed countries;

(b) the details of required financial outlay for the same;

(c) the number of villages covered with telephone system; and

(d) whether it is a fact that STD calls are being done illegally or stealthily by fraudulent linkages of telephone connections and if so, the details of the preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The main hurdles inupgrading the existing telecom network comparable with developed countries are:

(i) non-availability of resources and

(ii) non-availability of reliable and fault free equipment due to absence of adequate manufacturing capactiy in the country.

(b) It is estimated that nearly Rs. 50,000 crores would be needed for complete upgradation of the existing network with electronic exchanges and reliable transmission media.

(c) Telephone facilities are available in 22,000 villages in the country.

(d) Such cases of diversion of lines for illegal STD connections are extremely rare. Special Vigilance squads have been set up in many cities to make surprise checks of distribution points and also act promptly in case of complaints.

Vayudoot serivces in the country

1925. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot aircrafts, air routes, stations touched passengers and cargo carried daily during the last three months;

(b) whether Vayudoot is a loosing concern, is self sufficient or is making profits;

(c) the scopes for the expansion of

(d) whether Indian Airlines and Air India are providing capital and other expenses to Vayudoot; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Vayudoot has been operating 36 services everyday during the last three months touching 75 stations and carrying 35,000 passengers and approximately 16,500 kgs. of cargo per month. The operational fleet of aircraft of Vayudoot during the last three months was as follows:—

Dornier—228	9
F—27	2
HS—748	4

(b) Whereas Vayudoot had made a marginal profit of Rs. 6 lakhs during the year 1986-87, the loss estimated in the budget estimates, 1987-88 is Rs. 1.20 crores.

(c) While there is scope for the expansion of Vayudoot services, actual expansion will depend on availability of aircraft capacity, developed infrastructure etc.

(d) The paid up capital of Vayudoot which stood at Rs. 13.5 crores on 31.3.1987 was contributed in the ratio of 50:50 by Air India and Indian Airlines.

Losses incurred by Pawan Hans Corporation

1926. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans Corporation is incurring loss; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the strength of the fleet of Pawan Hans; whether it is well utilized;

(c) whether it is overstaffed and whether the staff pattern is comparable with such services of other countries; and

(d) wether it is a fact that operational cost of helicopter is higher as compared to aircraft; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Pawan Hans Ltd. (formerly Helicopter Corporation of India) set up on 15th October 1985 has incurred losses because a high incidence of depreciation reserve had to be allowed for the full year in 1986-87, while revenue generation began only after the phased induction of helicopters from September, 1986.

(b) On a standard norm of 80 per cent serviceability, Pawan Hans should have deployed 30 helicopters of the 37 received so far. The number of helicopters deployed and those expected to be deployed shortly is 29.

(c) Information about the staffing pattern in the helicopter units of other countries is not available. Keeping in view the nature of operations and the large number of bases from which it operates, the organization is not overstaffed.

(d) Yes, Sir. Helicopters have a higher fuel consumption and larger maintenance cost, because of the large number of dynamic componets which need frequent replacement.

Heart treatment by RUD in G. B. Pant Hospital, Delhi

1927. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether a major break-through in the treatment of heart ailment, *viz.*, insertion of device—Rashkind Umbrella Device (RUD) has been achieved in G. B. Pant Hospital, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?